MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). Sir, out of 20 candidates, who qualified in the examination, appointment could not be offered to two for want of vacancies. The validity of the penel has already expired and recruitment is now made through the Staff Selection Commission.

Contracts for Supply of Petroleum Products

6817. SHRI AL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one Government Company of Malaysia had been given term contract for supply of petroleum products at a much higher rate as compared to other Government Companies, thereby resulting in a loss of several million dollars;

(b) whether again recently substantial quantity was increased for this company causing further loss to our country;

(c) the names of the Companies with whom Government have term contracts and their rates fo products supply to India; and

(d) whether there is an attempt also to give long term contracts to private companies or semi–Government Companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have entered into a term contract with PETCO for the supply of 1.49 MMT of petroleum products. This quantity was not increased subsequently. During 1991–92 IOC had term contracts with M/s. BANOCO, ADNOC, SNE, SINOCHEM and PETCO for supply of petroleum products. The prices for each term contract are negotiated separately and are different.

(d) No such decision has been taken.

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6818. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the deteriorating conditions of the world renowned library of the Indian Council of World Affairs;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in that regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to take over the management of the Council to improve its functioning,

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are also aware of the deteriorating living conditions of its staff; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Government are considering various measures for revitalising the functioning of the Indian Council of World Affairs.

(e) and (f). Government have received representations from the Council's employees in this regard. Government hopes that the present management of the Council will take appropriate steps in this matter.